

**NOTICE of PUBLIC HEARING and AGENDA**  
**COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (CSBG)**

Name of Organization: Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)  
Grants Management Unit

Date and Time of Meeting: September 8, 2009 1:30 pm

Public Access: Division for Health and Human Services  
4126 Technology Way, Large Conference Room  
Carson City, NV 89706

**A G E N D A**

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. Overview of the following:
  - A. State CSBG Plan for the Two-year Period, October 1, 2009 – September 30, 2011
  - B. Proposed CSBG and ARRA Distribution Formula
    - Gary Gobelman, CSBG Program Manager
- III. Public Comment
- IV. Adjournment

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Note: We are pleased to make reasonable accommodations for members of the public who are disabled and wish to attend the meeting. If special arrangements for the meeting are necessary, please notify the Grants Management Unit, in writing, at the Department of Health and Human Services, 4126 Technology Way, Room 100, Carson City, NV 89706-2009, or call Erik Wingfield at (775) 684-4017 as soon as possible.

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Notice of this meeting was posted in the following locations: Nevada State Library and Archives, 100 North Stewart Street, Carson City, Fax 775-684-3330; State Department of Health and Human Services, 4126 Technology Way, Room 100, Carson City, Fax 775-684-4010; State Welfare Reno District Office, 3697-D Kings Row, Reno, Fax 775-448-5094; Southern Nevada Health Department, 625 Shadow Lane, Las Vegas, Fax 702-383-6341; State Welfare Ely District, P.O. Box 506, 725 Avenue K, Ely, Fax 775-289-1645; Clark County Social Services Agency, 1600 Pinto Lane, Las Vegas, Fax 702-455-5950; Grants Management Unit, 4220 South Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, Fax 702-486-3533; Washoe County Social Services, 350 South Center Street, Reno, Fax 775-337-4495 and 775-784-7339; Washoe County Library, 301 South Center Street, Reno, Fax 775-327-8390; United Way of Southern Nevada, 1660 East Flamingo, Las Vegas, Fax 702-734-8504

Additional posting locations: Carson City Health and Human Services, Fax 77-887-2248; Churchill County Social Services, Fax 775-423-8057; Community Services Agency, Fax 775-786-5743; Consolidated Agencies of Human Services, Fax 775-945-2499; Douglas County Social Services, Fax 775-782-9874; Frontier Community Action Agency, Fax 623-2744; Lincoln County Human Services, Fax 962-5120; Lyon County Human Services Department, Fax 775-577-5093; Nye County Health and Human Services, Fax 775-727-7742; Storey County (Community Chest) Fax 775-847-9335; Las Vegas Clark County Urban League, Fax 702-636-9240; White Pine County Social Services, Fax 775-289-2405



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\*The designated Community Action Agencies will also be provided with a dial in number and access code to connect with the videoconference in an audio only format.

Other individuals interested in participating in the public hearing are encouraged to attend the public access location noted above. If you are not able to attend this site and want to participate, please contact Gary Gobelman at 775-684-3469 by 5:00 pm September 4, 2009.

**CSBG Public Hearing Information**

CSBG is a federal block grant program that provides funding to states and local community action agencies to develop strategies for reducing community poverty and to implement programs for assisting low-income families achieve greater economic and social self-sufficiency. By statute, the funds must be awarded to agencies designated as local Community Action Agencies (CAAs) by the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). There are 12 designated recipient agencies located throughout the state.

For SFY 2010, DHHS has \$8,307,000 to allocate to the designated recipient agencies. The total available funds include \$4,950,000 from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

The Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Grants Management Unit is soliciting comments on the proposed Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) State Plan and the CSBG and ARRA Distribution Formula that will be used to fund eligible CAAs.

**CSBG State Plan:** The federal CSBG Act requires states to submit a state CSBG plan at least once every two years. Nevada's CSBG State Plan covers the two-year period, October 1, 2009 – September 30, 2011. The plan provides a description of how the

CSBG program is structured in Nevada, its goals, and the services that will be provided to low-income families.

*CSBG and ARRA Distribution Formula:* The current formula was revised in May 2009 in conjunction with the submission of the State CSBG Plan Amendment for the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA). The formula was not approved by the federal Office of Community Services (OCS). DHHS has prepared a revised formula in response to comments received from OCS.

The revised formula establishes a new Economic Distress Factor that will be used in combination with the existing Base Allocation and Poverty Funding factors. The Economic Distress Factor addresses the severe economic impact that the state and counties are experiencing as a result of the economic downturn. Economic Distress Factor Funds are distributed to CAAs based on the unemployment rate each county. (Data Source: July 2009 unemployment data posted on the Nevada Department of Employment and Training website.)

The ARRA State Plan Amendment contains the proposed ARRA distribution formula (see Appendix E). The formula included in Appendix E of the State CSBG plan contains both the CSBG and ARRA distribution formulas and the total allocation to eligible Community Action Agencies for SFY 2010.

The CSBG State Plan and CSBG and ARRA Distribution Formulas can be downloaded from the DHHS Grants Management Unit website at <http://dhhs.nv.gov/Grants/GrantsManagement.htm> (see the "What's New" menu item). A hard copy can be requested by contacting Gary Gobelman, CSBG Manager, at (775) 684-3469.

Grants Management staff will be available at the meeting to provide an overview of the proposed plan, respond to questions, and accept comments. Written comments regarding the proposed funding formula will be accepted until **Noon, September 10, 2009**. Submit written comments to the Department of Health and Human Services, Grants Management Unit, 4126 Technology Way, Suite 100, Carson City, Nevada, 89706, Fax: (775) 684-4010, Attention: Gary Gobelman, CSBG Manager.

Upon completion of the public hearing and consideration of any comments received from the public, DHHS will finalize the CSBG State Plan, ARRA State Plan Amendment, and CSBG and ARRA Distribution Formulas and submit these items to OCS for approval.